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SUBJECT: SOI – Soil Data Warehouse/Mart

Purpose: To notify all employees of the new changes in soils information for the official copy of the soil survey.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2005

The Soil Data Warehouse/Soil Data Mart is the official Indiana soils data set for both tabular and digital information. For the last six months Indiana soil scientists have been working very hard to populate our national database (Soil Data Warehouse and Soil Data Mart) for web base accessibility for customer use. We are now in a position to discontinue old procedures which have been replaced by the Soil Data Warehouse/Data Mart. Effective immediately, public on-line access to the obsolete MUIR, SSURGO 1 and SSURGO 2 data will be eliminated. Existing web pages will redirect visitors to the Soil Data Mart, and the MUIR and old SSURGO databases will be archived for their historical value.

We expect very little impact as a result of this action. The MUIR data has been obsolete for years and the old SSURGO 1 and 2 data are now available in the new SSURGO 2.1 download format. Notices regarding this change have been posted on the affected web page for the past several months.

For those counties that don't have digital soil information available, your office will continue to use the hard copy soil survey maps for planning purposes, until digital soil data is made available. The tabular data is available for all Indiana counties, but the digital soils information is only available for about 60 counties, and is rapidly increasing. Upon receiving your digital soil information, please discontinue the use of the old soil survey maps for your county.

If there are questions, please direct them to Travis Neely, State Soil Scientist, (317) 290-3200, ext. 380.

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